

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

March 17, 2011

Present:

Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Carl Brunetti Mike Babbitt Domenic Ricci

Bob Turner Greg Leonard Joe Renning Peter Fucci Hagop Jawharjian

Absent:

Paul DiDomenico

Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

There were no minutes available for review at this time.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for distribution at this time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment or questions at this time.

Old Business

The Budget Board discussed the opinion of the Town Solicitor versus the School Department Attorney regarding the Maintenance of Effort.

New Business

School Capital

The Budget Board discussed school capital improvement projects and the fact that they will approve items that are health and safety related or items that have to do with the upkeep of the physical buildings structurally.

It was noted that in the past, the estimates of the work to be done have been high and final costs have come in 10-20% lower on average than budgeted amounts.

The Budget Board went through the capital improvement requests for all schools as follows:

High School

The Budget Board agreed with recommending the following improvements:

The Gym Bleachers as well as refurbish the floor and painting walls and ceiling

These items were approved with the question of whether there are any plans to fix the underlying problem that causes

water damage to the floors

Auditorium stage curtains, which seem to be in bad condition.

Water coolers

The Budget Board did not agree with recommending the following improvements:

Connector corridor abatement, which seemed to be for aesthetic purposes only.

Refurbishment of lavs in the North Wing which they believe isn't necessary because that portion of the building is the old

Middle School and is not used as often.

Northern

The Budget Board agreed with recommending the following improvements:

Fencing and lighting near the new parking area, which seems to be a safety issue

Bathroom floor replacement because it is also a safety issue.

Middle School

The Budget Board agreed with recommending the following improvements:

Irrigation abatement meter so that the town does not pay sewer fees for water used for grass maintenance.

Central

The Budget Board agreed with recommending the following improvements:

Heating thermostat

Fencing for the playground

Door hardware

Accoustical sound battening in the Multi-purpose room

The Budget Board did not agree with recommending the following improvements:

Carpeting which did not seem to be a safety issue and appeared to be able to be done next year.

Lonsdale

The Budget Board agreed with recommending the following improvements:

Abatement of floors in classrooms, which would complete all of them.

The Budget Board did not agree with recommending the following improvements:

The playground in that it was such a large amount of equipment and such a large cost.

The Budget Board recommends something on a smaller scale and will consider such a request.

Saylesville

The Budget Board agreed with recommending the following

improvements:

A new boiler

The outdoor play area

The Budget Board did not agree with recommending the following improvements:

Abatement of classroom carpets, because except for a few small stains and small ripples, they did not seem to be a safety issue and could be done next year.

Administration Building

The Budget Board did not agree with recommending the following improvements:

Replacement of carpet in hallways

The Budget Board did not recommend any capital improvements for this location because there has been talk of moving the Administration to a different building.

Grounds

The Budget Board agreed with recommending all \$23,000 in requests because it seems that all of the equipment requested is necessary and beneficial to the upkeep of the properties.

Therefore, the total Capital Improvement recommendation of the Budget Board is as follows:

High School \$ 123,000

Northern \$ 20,500

Middle School \$ 12,500

Lonsdale \$ 67,740

Central \$ 19,950

Saylesville \$ 85,985

Administration \$ 0

Grounds \$ 23,000

Total: \$ 352,975

Additionally, they will be recommending that Lonsdale looks at repaving the parking lot and will be asking for price quotes for that work, and an engineering study at Saylesville to discover why the floor in one area buckles for \$2,360.

The Budget Board discussed paying for capital improvement projects through reserve funds by way of resolution.

Those funds would not count towards the Maintenance of Effort.

The next meeting of the Budget Board will be on Wednesday, March 23rd where they will vote on a school capital improvement recommendation, followed by a meeting on Thursday, March 24th with all Boards and Commissions to hear their requests.

Adjourn

Joe Renning made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.